The AGM of Margaretting Parish Council took place in The Meeting Room at The Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

Present; H Blurton, T Paoli-Burke (Chairman), C Quilter, D Smith and A Wallace. In attendance Cllr I Grundy.

98. Apologies for absence were received from S Upton.

The Clerk opened the meeting.

1. Election of Officers

Chairman – Teresa Paoli-Burke was re-elected. Proposed by H Blurton and seconded by C Quilter.

Vice-Chairman – A Wallace. Proposed by T Paoli-Burke and seconded by C Quilter.

Allotments – C Quilter & S Upton

Community Health – T Paoli-Burke

Emergency Planning - H Blurton

EALC - D Smith

Maldon Road Recreation Field - C Quilter

Finance – P Savill & C Kochan

Planning – H Blurton & A Wallace

Press – A Wallace

Rights of Way – C Quilter & S Upton

Transport – T Paoli-Burke

Tree Warden – L Cameron

Village Furniture – H Blurton

VHMC – D Smith

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th April 2022 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

4. Matters Arising

a. <u>Platinum Jubilee Tree</u> H Blurton reported that a tree should not be planted within a metre of a concrete/tarmacked surface. It was agreed that this would be discussed in the Autumn along with a suitable site.

5. Accounts.

Authority was given for payment of the following;

M D Landscapes £535.20 Clerks Salary & Exp £500.00 BHIB Insurance £1453.80

6. Community Matters

a. Maldon Road Playing Field. C Quilter reported that on Easter Sunday there were quad bikes on the field, he spoke to the owners and explained that they were not permitted on the field or inside the

gate. It was agreed to get a sign for the gate prohibiting motorised vehicles from the playing field. C Quilter also reported that the large gate hanging post had been hit, although it was still working. There had also been some shrinkage on the safety surfacing but it was agreed to wait for the next inspection before reporting.

- b. Allotments. H Blurton reported that the Ingatestone allotments cost 28pence a square metre, so the allotments at the playing field would cost £57.28 at the Ingatestone rate plus the share of water cost. Clerk to find out some other local allotment rents and leases.
- c. The Queens Platinum Jubilee. T Paoli-Burke outlined the events and costs. It was agreed that the Parish Council would issue the payments and all donations would be paid into the Parish Council account.
- d. Parking at Hylands. Cllr Grundy reported that people were still using the park, at some point some Data would be released. A Wallace had spoken to some small business holders who had said that there was a suggestion that the park might revert back to free parking on a Sunday & Bank Holiday.

7. Village Hall Matters

D Smith reported that following the recent meeting M Scott was still the Chairman. P Doyle was still the Treasurer and Lynn Cameron was carrying on as Booking Secretary and Clerk. H Blurton reported that the village hall was trying to cut costs.

8. Village Sites

- a. Trees. H Blurton reported that he had applied for the TPO for the Oak Tree on the boundary at the redundant service station. Quotes for the Willow Tree at Margaretting Tye were reported as; Westwood Tree Surgery £800.00 and Bartletts Tree Surgeons £820.00. Bartletts quote for the pear trees which in 2019 was £240 was £250. It was agreed to go with Bartletts unless the third quote comes in favourable.
- b. Pot Holes. Clerk to report the pot hole in Maldon Road. There were also lots of pot holes in Swan Lane, clerk to identify where they were and notify Cllr I Grundy.
- c. Bollards by Saddlery clerk to follow up.

9. Planning

Applications

23 Maldon Road 22/00742/FUL

Two storey side extension and provision of front and rear dormers to existing roof space.

Decisions

Eweland Hall Lodge, Main Road 22/00505/FUL Refused

Retrospective planning application for cart lodge

Broad Oaks, Maldon Road 22/00394/FUL <u>Granted</u>

Part conversion of existing garage block and conversion of outbuilding to create annexe.

H Blurton reported an application to fell an Oak Tree at Ging House. L Cameron had commented on the application on the Parish Councils behalf. The PC had no objections as long as the tree stump is left in place.

10. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Ian Grundy reported on The East Anglia Green Energy Enablement (Green) meetings that were taking place regarding the National Grid consultation on proposals to reinforce the high-voltage electricity transmission network between Norwich, Bramford and Tilbury.
- b. Ride London. A Wallace reported on road closures in and around Chelmsford.
- c. C Quilter reported that there may be a problem with drugs in the playing field as he had found several suspicious bags. H Blurton suggested a small notice board at the allotments.

d. Footpath by Hylands. Cllr I Grundy was to bring a map to the next meeting to identify where the paths need joining.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m. Next meeting Thursday 9^{th} June 2022 at 7.30 p.m.